

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 6, 10-14, 19-20, 33-34 and 36-39 have been amended. No Claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-43 are present for examination.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 19, 20, 33 and 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. These claims 19, 20, 33, 37, and 38 have been amended to correct the problems with antecedent basis pointed out by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-18, 21-32, 34-36 and 40-43 are allowed. These claims remain in the application without change except to correct for capitalization and comma usage.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendments above, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

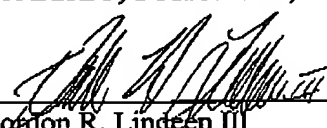
Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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